

In the claims:

Please cancel ~~claim~~ 6.

Please amend the following claims as indicated.

1. In combination with a railway locomotive brake valve having at least one exhaust valve assembly, at least one spring housing, and at least one range spring disposed intermediate a pressure regulating means and a diaphragm, the improvement comprising a device for providing damping capabilities, whereby said device will minimize spring oscillation during operation of said locomotive brake valve, said device including:

B² (a) a donut shaped element having a predetermined size and shape and formed from a predetermined material; and

(b) a plurality of legs having a predetermined size, shape and material attached at a predetermined angle to said donut shaped element adjacent an outer periphery thereof for engagement with said range spring to minimize oscillation when said device is disposed about said range spring, said predetermined angle between said plurality of legs and said donut shaped like element being greater than 90°.

15. A dampening device for a range spring in a railway locomotive brake valve, said device comprising:

B³ (a) a donut shaped element having a predetermined size and shape and formed from a predetermined material; and

(b) a plurality of legs having a predetermined size, shape and material attached at a predetermined angle to said donut

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